

REMARKS

The drawings stand objected. Claims 10 - 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jauregui. Claims 1 - 9 and 13 - 19 stand allowed, and claims 10 - 12 have been indicated allowable if rewritten to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner's review is appreciated. The present amendment only incorporates the changes required by the Examiner, and otherwise cancels those claims which have rejections based upon prior art. Consequently, no further search or consideration is required, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow the present application to grant.

With regard to the drawing objection, the applicant's representative, Albert Watkins, participated in a telephonic interview with Examiner Sterling on February 7, 2007. No agreement was reached with regard to any of the claims. The drawing objection was discussed. Examiner Sterling acknowledged that the new Figure 4, a revised drawing sheet submitted on November 24, 2006 which included a new Figure 4, addresses the present drawing objection adequately. Within Figure 4 is set screw 31. As described in the specification on page 9:

“Within support member 14 is a set screw 31 of special construction and for special purpose. This set screw 31, along with set screws 32 and 33, has a force responsive bushing formed on the end thereof. In the preferred embodiment, this force-responsive bushing is fabricated as a brass tip which engages with rod 12.”


With regard to the outstanding rejection of claims 10 - 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, the Examiner's changes have been incorporated verbatim into claim 10 by way of the present amendment.

With regard to claims 20 and 21, which are directed to the novel features of the elbow rest, the claims have been canceled by way of the present amendment, without prejudice or restriction on presenting these claims at a later date or in a continuing application, but instead to simply facilitate the prosecution of the present application and already identified allowable subject matter.

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No new matter is introduced by the present amendment. However, should there remain any open issues in this application which might be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 320-363-7296 to further discuss the advancement of this application.

Sincerely,



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